

A017 WISHA Administration and Policy

Washington State's Constitution requires the adoption and enforcement of laws to protect employees from workplace hazards. Employers have a legal obligation to ensure safe workplaces. The WISHA program (Washington Industrial Safety and Health Act) employs the dual approach of prevention and protection to assist employers in meeting their legal obligation to keep Washington's 2.7 million workers safe while on the job. WISHA provides comprehensive services to ensure the reduction of preventable workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities through enforcement inspections, onsite consultation services, training opportunities, and educational resources. These services directly result in improving the safety and health of Washington's citizens, and improving the quality and productivity of the workforce. Other administrative responsibilities include significant interaction with the Governor's Office, the Legislature, and numerous businesses and labor stakeholders. The division also chairs the statutorily-required WISHA Advisory Committee and manages litigation, legislative, and federal grant and budget activities. Studies conducted over the past three years show a significant reduction in compensable workers' compensation claims in workplaces that WISHA has inspected.

	FY 2006	FY 2007	Biennial Total
FTE's	149.1	149.1	149.1
GFS	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other	\$16,675,538	\$16,677,734	\$33,353,272
Total	\$16,675,538	\$16,677,734	\$33,353,272

Statewide Result Area: Improve the quality and productivity of our workforce**Expected Results**

Achieving safer places to work, with workers going home in the same condition as they left. Reduced workplace injuries, illnesses, and fatalities. Responding to and resolving employee complaints about serious hazards. Investigating work-related fatalities and catastrophes and determining causes and ways to prevent re-occurrences. Assuring timely correction of serious violations. Providing advice on how to correct hazards and working with employers to ensure timely correction. Providing safety and health training workshops for employers and employees. Conducting statutorily required reassumption hearings and negotiating settlement agreements with employers and attorneys. Conducting statutorily required investigations of employee allegations of discrimination or retaliation by employers as a result of a complaint about workplace safety, and negotiating settlement agreements with complainants, employers, and attorneys, or otherwise resolving cases.

Appropriation Period: 2005-07 Activity Version: F2 - 2005-07 Activity Recast

Number of serious hazards identified and addressed by enforcement inspections and technical assistance visits. This measurement is hazardous incidences corrected.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	44,000		
	4th Qtr	44,000		
2003-05	8th Qtr	10,248	11,805	1,557
	7th Qtr	10,248	11,039	791
	6th Qtr	9,256	11,519	2,263
	5th Qtr	10,248	10,123	(125)

Number of WISHA worksite consultations and inspections.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	8th Qtr	11,000	0	(11,000)
	4th Qtr	11,000	0	(11,000)
2003-05	8th Qtr	2,685	2,482	(203)
	7th Qtr	2,685	2,900	215
	6th Qtr	2,365	2,212	(153)
	5th Qtr	2,685	2,287	(398)

WISHA Intervention effectiveness. Measures the decrease in claims rates for fixed site employers WISHA visited, compared to employers' claims rates who had no WISHA activity.				
Biennium	Period	Target	Actual	Variance
2005-07	6th Qtr	15%	0%	(15)%
	2nd Qtr	15%	0%	(15)%
2003-05	6th Qtr	10%	8%	(2)%
	2nd Qtr	10%	0%	(10)%

This is an annual measure; results are usually available by November.